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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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§1.98(a)(2)(i) and (ii).

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Respectfully submitted,

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